

## Local and Personal.

**Washington National Monument.**—The following are the contributions received at the monument office from the second of December, 1853, to the 4th of January, 1854:

FROM COLLECTIONS AT THE POLLS.	
Rock Run, Hancock county, Illinois.....	\$1.45
New Orleans, Louisiana.....	220.00
Vicksburg, Warren county, Mississippi.....	70.00
Chillicothe, Ohio, first ward.....	3.40
Aberdeen, Monroe county, Mississippi.....	50.00
Old Town, Allegany county, Maryland.....	3.46
First District, town of Ossining, St. Lawrence county, N. Y.....	12.25
Charles county, Maryland.....	8.50
Pass Christian, Harrison county, Miss.....	5.35
Cynthiana, Harrison Co., Penn.....	14.30
Newark, Licking county, Ohio.....	7.50
Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio.....	2.34
Eight ward, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	10.00
Easton, Talbot county, Md.....	17.52
Porto Reta, Barreille parish, La.....	5.00
Perry township, Stock county, Ohio.....	13.00
First District, Oswegatchee, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y.....	4.00
Second District, town of Lisbon, St. Lawrence, N. Y.....	13.00

FROM OTHER SOURCES.	
Harford county, file factory, Weyverton, Maryland.....	12.00
St. Matthew's church, Washington, D. C., Thanksgiving day.....	17.00
St. Patrick's church, Thanksgiving day.....	20.00
St. Mary's church, Thanksgiving day.....	9.94
First colored Presbyterian church, Washington, Thanksgiving day.....	2.62
Primary School No. 2, 3d district, Washington, D. C., Thanksgiving day.....	5.00
William Leslie Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa., (12 years of age), a year's salary.....	10.05
Demopolis Lodge, No. 44, I. O. F., De Moines, Ala.....	12.00
Capital Bazaar, Brunswick, Maine.....	5.00
Samuel W. Adkinson, Nashville, Tenn.....	10.00
Hiram Wallingford, Washington, D. C.....	6.50
William Austin, Waterport, Tennessee.....	4.00
W. W. Corcoran, Washington, (annual contribution).....	50.00
Adams Gray and family, Washington.....	101.50
From visitors at Monument.....	161.20
Special agents.....	953.74
Amount of receipts.....	1,961.94
Amount of expenditure.....	2,122.50

**Hotels.**—Within the last ten years marked improvements have been made in the business of hotel-keeping. Not only comforts but luxuries of every conceivable nature have been introduced; so that the traveller, no matter how well he may be provided for at home, may be equally as well accommodated abroad. Those establishments are so arranged, that entire privacy may be enjoyed apart from the bustle and activity characteristic of first class public houses. Every day we hear of new features being added, not only in other cities, but in our own; and there is becoming some talk, during the last year, of erecting another large hotel, the present number being considered no bar to the further prosecution of active enterprise.

Recently, a memorial of L. P. Holladay & Co. was presented to the Senate, praying permission to erect a first class hotel of great architectural beauty on the public grounds lying on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between the Capitol and Third street. It was referred to the proper committee for examination. Without expressing an opinion as to the propriety of the government letting the public grounds for such purposes, we will only remark that a hotel of the character designed could not fail to be handsomely patronized, owing to the beauty of location as well as to its proximity to the Capitol—the great point of attraction during the session of Congress.

**A Fast Horse.**—A friend of ours, who procured a horse and buggy yesterday to facilitate his business operations, was highly pleased with the mettle of his charger until the animal, towards evening, evinced a spirit of insubordination which at once destroyed his good reputation. Our friend honestly believes that a cigar is a necessary of life; and therefore he is seldom without one of McElfresh's best importations. While he was striking his match to light a Havana, having halted for the purpose, the horse, with a sudden bound, jerked the vehicle round a corner, near the old railroad station, and came near prancing into the creek. Fortunately, our friend having completed the lighting of his cigar, pulled desperately at the reins, and soon conquered the horse into a governable humor. He (our friend, not the horse) had the mortification to have his hat jolted off his head, into a mud-puddle; but as bad as this was, it was far less unpleasant than if his body had been precipitated into the stream which bears the classic name of Tiber.

**New Public Buildings.**—We are glad that the Senate, on Thursday, adopted a resolution submitted by Mr. Hunter, instructing the Committee on Public Buildings to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the erection of suitable buildings for the State, War, Navy, and Interior departments. They, with the exception of the last named, now occupy buildings not fire-proof, and, besides, there is not room enough for the transaction of the current business. This subject is officially mentioned in the documents transmitted to Congress at the opening of the session, and is certainly entitled to early and prompt consideration, in view of the reasons already mentioned. With an abundance of money in the Treasury, there could be no better time for liberal appropriations in furtherance of the recommendations to which we have referred.

**Police Returns.**—The following are the monthly returns by the police officers of the corporation to H. N. Steele, the chief of police, for the year ending December 30, 1853, and certified by him as correct:

Judgments and costs obtained for the year 1853—January, \$904.90; February, \$700.41; March, \$800.04; April, \$825.97; May, \$731.53; June, \$830.52; July, \$1,491.75; August, \$1,737.50; September, \$1,370.50; October, \$1,206.35; November, \$920.95; December, \$845.06. Total, \$12,264.26.

Judgments and costs paid into the treasury for year 1853—January, \$329.91; February, \$308.53; March, \$440.17; April, \$379.10; May, \$337.55; June, \$578.30; July, \$618.34; August, \$607.92; September, \$671.14; October, \$737.99; November, \$662.92; December, \$646.76. Total, \$9,420.94.

**The Prize Poem Abortion.**—The Cincinnati Commercial, in speaking of the \$500 reward, offered by Mr. R. W. Latham for the best "national poem, ode, or epic" and of the failure to win the prize, says:

"We are hardly able to admire Mr. Latham enormously for his very liberal offer; he probably was thinking as much of his reputation as of his country's glory. A 'national poem, ode, or epic' would not, of course, be produced by the stimulus of a \$500 prize. A great song to thrill a nation's heart, must be the spontaneous outpouring of a great soul, and fitted to a great purpose. Some of our contemporaries are complaining that the decision of the committee is not complimentary to the poets of the country. We think it is. None of the poets of established reputation whose writings command each day, would compete for such a prize, and the love of money cannot make a poet, nor is an uncertain vision of gold conducive to a 'fine phrenzy.'"

**An Oddity.**—While at the railroad station, yesterday afternoon, we noticed, darting through the crowd, a man of medium stature, wearing something like a tarlatan hat, with little tickets stuck all around it; a light colored overcoat, and across his right shoulder was slung a trumpet. He was in too great a hurry to permit a close inspection of his trappings. He has been "lionizing" and

entertaining small assemblages of people in the streets by a narration of his personal sufferings, and selling certain printed papers; thus distributing his literature here for the benefit of those who patronized him.

**The Concert of Ole Bull at Carus's Saloon** was patronized by one of the largest and most fashionable audiences which he has ever drawn in this city. It is useless to speak of his performance, for the world knows what it is. Strakoske and the little Adeline Patti also received much, and merited, applause. The desire to hear the great Norwegian artist has not abated in this city; and his genius and private worth as a man have made him a favorite of the whole country.

**General John E. Wool** is now in this city, at the National Hotel. Recently Congress passed a resolution of thanks, and voted him a sword in acknowledgment of his gallant conduct at Buena Vista. He will soon, we learn, leave for the Pacific coast.

**Stock Sales.**—McGuire, auctioneer, sold, on Thursday, Bank of Metropolis stock at 105 and 105; Farmers' Insurance Company, 140; Georgetown Corporation, 90.

From the New Haven Register, January 4.

**The Late Snow Storm.**

The late storm was probably the most severe that has occurred for a period of thirty years, especially in the eastern part of New England. Some of the details of its fury are beginning to reach us; though the most undoubtedly remain yet to be told. Off the coast, in the vicinity of Cape Cod, its effects were appalling. We gather the following from the Boston Post, and a melancholy aspect it presents. On Sunday, it was reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Boston, that ninety vessels of various kinds were ashore between Boston and Cape Cod, and the probability is that a large number of lives have been lost, and incalculable amount of suffering endured. The storm was probably one of the most severe that has ever been known.

The bark Elizabeth, of Orrington, Maine, Captain Stout, is ashore about two miles from Cape Point light. Captain Stout, we are informed, requested the mate to lash his child to the rigging while he made the effort to get his wife on shore. The crying of the child wrought upon the suffering mother's feelings to such a degree, that she died upon reaching the land; and upon returning to the vessel, he found the child had fallen to death. Two of the crew were drowned and the others missing.

Captain Bearse, who brought to the reading-room much matter relating to the storm, left Provincetown, in a schooner for Plymouth, on the 31st, at half past nine o'clock. She was compelled by the gale to run for Sandwich, where she left her at dusk the same day, and, rowed ashore, a distance of seven miles alone, since which he has been endeavoring to reach the city, and only arrived on Sunday at half past twelve.

The storm on the cape was one of the hardest ever known. Great damage was done to the wharves and shipping. The tide rose at Yarmouth Port eight inches higher than in the gale of 1832. From Wednesday to Friday, the sea was so high that the Cape Cod Canal was closed, and no mail from Boston or Orleans. The Register extra of Friday says:

"Central wharf is a mass of ruins. The building on it, occupied by Hawes & Taylor, was carried away, and with its contents, scattered in every direction upon the shore. The packing shed on this wharf was also carried away. There were about 2,000 empty barrels scattered in these buildings and on the wharf. Loss from \$1,500 to \$2,000—no insurance. They had 600 bushels of salt in store, and a large stock of goods. M. C. Hallet & Co. had a quantity of lumber—estimated at about 20,000 feet—on the wharf, which is scattered in all directions. Considerable damage was also done to the Cape Cod Canal. The marshes in every direction were strewn with broken fragments of the wharf structure, barrels, spars, lumber, &c., and the vessels were scattered in all directions where navigation was never before.

The dam over Mill Creek was destroyed. The Matkaeset chemical works, however, sustained no damage of consequence.

In Chatham, Mr. Abner Crosby, a shoemaker, was at work at his bench, when he found his shop was floating off. He had just time to leave, when the building went out to sea, with all his stock, and \$20 in money in his desk. Loss about \$300. Much damage was done to the Chatham wharves, particularly at the old harbor.

A train of three locomotives left the Providence depot on the Stonington road on Friday morning, and got back at half past six in the evening, having accomplished five miles. The snow was level with the top of the cars for the distance of a quarter of a mile in several places.

Several chimneys were blown down at Gloucester by the storm, and Procter Perkins' new two-story house on Eastern Hill was completely demolished.

The delay on the Worcester branch railroad is owing to the company having two snow ploughs. Those were both at Worcester, on Thursday morning. The Saxtonville train has not run at all since Thursday. The engine and cars of the Charles River train are buried in the snow at Needham, and whether they will be dug out and on the track to-day remains to be seen.

At Natick there were fifteen locomotives in a snow drift. The snow is very deep at Needham, Newton and all that region—a gentleman who tried it in Newton, thinks it is about seven feet on a level in some places, and twenty in others!

A slip from the Barnstable Patriot says the roads are blocked up for miles, and much damage was done to the wharves by the high tides. The lumber all floated from Josiah Hickley's wharf. There were about twenty boats there, twenty lives are known to be lost. There have never been known so much distress upon the shores of Cape Cod. The wharves at Nantucket were covered at high water, the sea driving up Maine street, and overflowing a number of stores. The injury done to the wharves amounts to about \$1,000. Some wood and iron were washed away, and the loss of amount of damage sustained is estimated at \$10,000.

The Boston Traveller informs us that, on Saturday evening, a train of cars, preceded by three locomotives and a snow plough, was passing through South Boston at a rapid rate, when the plough took a sudden plunge, and darting off the track, entered a dwelling situated on Swan street, demolishing the sides and ceiling of the sitting room of the house, and fifty-two persons were killed. During the whole period there were but four passages under ten days, three of which were made by the Arabia; the Atlantic made the other one.

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[Baltimore American.]

## General Intelligence.

**Search for the Steamer San Francisco.**—We learn that the departments have issued orders to the effect that this vessel was spoken on the 26th ultimo, in latitude 35° 20', longitude 69°, completely disabled, apparently about three hundred miles east of Cape Henlopen, and two hundred and sixty miles E.S.E. of Sandy Hook. She had on board a regiment of government troops. The Secretary of War, at the instance of Senator Gwin, directed a large steamer to be chartered at New York and sent on search for her, if possible, and the unfortunate passengers; and the Secretary of the Treasury has issued orders to the collectors of New York, Wilmington, Charleston, and Norfolk, to dispatch each a revenue cutter immediately on the same service.

**Nina and Red Eye.**—A letter from a friend, now in Augusta, Ga., informs us that these two celebrated race horses, under the management of Capt. John Belcher, are both looking remarkably fine, and that the backers of the Boston race are extremely anxious to see one or both of them at the track. The horse Nina, who was sent into the yard at four miles heat, on the Augusta or Charleston course, Capt. Belcher, says our correspondent, will take a turn with the "cracks" of the south, for all the heat he has ever run, and he is confident of the two that may be best "pointed" at the time of the race; and our word for it, if he brings his "charge" on the course in good order, the horse will be a match for any of the best runners in the south. The cargo is being sent on to the southern States.—Richmond Dispatch.

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## Telegraphic.

By the House Line, expressly for the Seated.

**The Steamer Empire City.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Empire City is still ashore, but hopes are entertained that she will be got off by the weather continues mild. Her passengers and baggage have been safely landed, and her mails were brought up last evening. There was nothing new at Havana. The sugar crop was coming in finely. Tobacco and coffee abundant. Weather delightful.

**Probable Loss of the San Francisco.**

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Secretary of War has telegraphed to the collector of New York, to immediately in search of the steamer San Francisco, which is feared has been lost. She had on board seven hundred United States troops. All the revenue cutters are ordered on the same service.

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Will perform the comedy of  
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Favorite Song by.....Miss De Forest.

To conclude with the farce of  
**THE SPECTRE BRIDE.**

Prices of Admission.—Orchestra seats 75 cents; dress circle, 50 cents; family circle, 25 cents. A gentleman accompanied by two ladies admitted for 50 cents to the dress circle.

Doors open at 7 1/2 past 6—curtain will rise at quarter past 7.

**NATIONAL THEATRE.**

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Will be presented the comedy of  
**THE HEIR AT LAW.**

Overture by.....The Orchestra.

To conclude with the laughable farce of  
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**FRANKLIN FIRE COMPANY,**  
AT CARUS'S SALOON.

Monday Evening, January 10, 1854.

THE FRANKLIN FIRE COMPANY respectfully announce to their friends, and the public generally, that they will give their SIXTH ANNUAL BALL at Carus's Saloon, on Monday Evening, January 10, 1854.

**Kentucky Senator Nominated.**

BALTIMORE, Jan. 6th.—The whig legislative caucus, at Frankfort, Kentucky, have nominated the Hon. J. J. Crittenden for United States Senator. The election is to take place on Tuesday next.

**The Lake-shore Railroad.**

HARRISBURG, Jan. 6th.—In the Senate, to-day, Mr. Strong, of Philadelphia, submitted the following joint resolution: That that portion of the lake-shore railroad from Erie to the Ohio State line which has been constructed by the Franklin Canal Company, without the right of legal authority, and in violation of the sovereignty of the State of Pennsylvania, be, and the same is hereby declared forfeited; and that the canal commissioners be directed and required to take possession of the same.

**MAILED.**

On the morning of the 10th inst. the Rev. Mr. Thomas' church, by the Rev. R. G. Gordon, Col. WILLIAM D. BOWIE to Miss MARY RYAN, daughter of the late BENJAMIN OWEN, Esq., late of Prince George's county, Maryland.

**DIED.**

On Friday morning, the 6th inst., at five minutes past one o'clock, HENRY ASHLEY BIRD, in the 40th year of his age, died at his residence, 101 N. 2nd street, Baltimore. The funeral will take place at St. Patrick's church this morning at ten o'clock, to which his friends and acquaintances are invited.

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